

## **Session 4: Why Does God Call Us?**

### **Introduction:**

The entire Bible bears witness to the truth that God, from eternity, chose to work through His people to accomplish His eternal purposes in the world. He could have worked everything by Himself, just as He worked in creation, but He chose not to do it that way. Rather, the Bible tells how God called individuals into a special relationship with Himself so that He could use them to accomplish His purposes.

### **I. God's Word Reveals God and His Ways**

- a. God called individuals into a special relationship with Himself to use them to accomplish His purposes.

1. Luke 1:37-38

<sup>37</sup>For with God nothing shall be impossible.

<sup>38</sup>And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her.

2. Ezekiel 22:30-31

<sup>30</sup>And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none.

<sup>31</sup>Therefore have I poured out mine indignation upon them; I have consumed them with the fire of my wrath: their own way have I recompensed upon their heads, saith the Lord GOD.

3. Jeremiah 32:27

<sup>27</sup>Behold, I am the LORD, the God of all flesh: is there any thing too hard for me?

### **II. Called: Not for Time, but Eternity**

- a. In understanding the call of God in our lives, it is important to realize that God did not make us for time, but eternity.

1. Genesis 1:26-27

<sup>26</sup>And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

<sup>27</sup>So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

**2. St John 10:27-28**

<sup>27</sup>My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:

<sup>28</sup>And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.

**3. I Timothy 6:12**

<sup>12</sup>Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.